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Mr. Dennis Beissel, Project Manager
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: License Renewal of the National Bureau of Standards Reactor (NBSR), Renew the Operating License for an Additional 20 Years, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), NUREG-1873, Montgomery County, MD. CEQ Number: 20080026

Dear Mr. Beissel:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above referenced project. The FEIS is for renewal of the operating license for the National Bureau of Standards reactor. The renewal would be for an additional 20 years.

A review of the FEIS indicated that the project does not include any substantial changes from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and therefore EPA has no further environmental concerns with this project. Thank you for providing EPA with the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions regarding this review please feel free to contact Kevin Magerr at (215) 814-5724.

Sincerely,

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